

QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT

WNBW-TV

Second Quarter 2017

Date: July 5th, 2017

Submitted To: WNBW Public File

Re: WNBW-TV Quarterly Issues Report
Covering the period of April 1, 2017
through June 30, 2017

WNBW QUARTERLY ISSUES

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Through informal ascertainment by written and oral communication with community members, it was determined that among the concerns of the Gainesville Community at-large were the following issues:

Crime

Politics

Consumer Safety

Environment

Education

Consumer Information

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Issue: Consumer Information

Program: Alachua County Talks

Type of Program: Public Affairs half hour weekly

Airdate: Sundays, Second Quarter 2017
April 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017

Airtime: Sundays, 5:30am plus various other available
times throughout the quarter

Duration: 30 minutes

Description: This weekly program is a locally produced discussion
program concerning various issues in the community
and county. It features people from our community who
are involved in bettering our lives and those who live
here.

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Issue: Local Crime

Program: Police On Duty

Type of Program: Locally produced half hour with Police Department

Airdate: Saturdays and Sundays Second Quarter 2017
April 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017

Airtime: Saturdays, 2:30am and Sundays 4:30am plus various
other times available throughout the quarter.

Duration: 30 Minutes

Description: In cooperation with the Gainesville Police Department,
we air this locally-produced show featuring current
day-to-day problems that face this local law agency.

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Issue: Community Public Affairs

Program: Ilene Silverman Show

Type of Program: Public Affairs

Airdate: Sundays Second Quarter 2017
April 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017

Airtime: 6:30am and various other times when available

Duration: 30 Minutes

Description: Ilene Silverman is a locally produced public affairs program which covers a wide array of community issues, including health, community events and community programs benefitting our citizens.

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Issues: Crime/Health/Consumer Information/Political/
Education/Weather/Safety/Environment

Program: CBS4 News on NBC9

Type of Program: Daily half hour local News program

Airdate: Monday-Friday, Second Quarter 2017
April 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017

Airtime: 6pm and 11pm

Duration: 30 Minutes

Description: See attached for details on specific issues covered
throughout the quarter

ISSUE: CONSUMER SAFETY

4.6 April is car care month, it's a chance to get your vehicle ready for spring and summer road trips. Now that school is almost out- it's time to check off some of those vacation days. CBS4 Reporter Brooke Rayford speaks with Tuffy Tire & Auto Service's Owner, J.W. McNeal on a few tips before you hit the road. "You don't want to take those days that you're with your family and turn them into days at the shop." Oil changes, tire pressures, coolant levels- It can get confusing. So when you're searching for the perfect auto shop be sure that it meets your standard, that it's ASE certified or on the MAP program. "They adhere to a program that sets a standard that everyone is going to do the same inspection on your vehicle when it comes to routine maintenance, brakes, coolant, air conditioning- That's important." Whether you're driving 4 hours or 14, you can't go wrong with a safety car kit. Make sure you have all the things you need for your car- in addition to jumper cables and even better, road side assistance. "I tell people all the time, listen to your vehicle." For more information about your vehicle; like when, where and how to take care of your vehicle- visit www.carcare.org .

5.26 Memorial Day Weekend is the time of year when most students are getting out of school, meaning more drivers are on the roads. Local police say students are taking road trips, driving with friends, and often driving distracted. "We know from national statistics on traffic crashes, that Memorial Day and Memorial Day Weekend, starts the 100 days of summer, which have been the deadliest for teens across the United States," said GPD Officer Ben Tobias. Some locals say they get more cautious when driving during this time of year, because they realize it gets more dangerous. "I looked in my rearview mirror, and I noticed the person in the car behind me was texting and driving," said UF senior Paige Todd. "So I made the decision to get into another lane so that person was no longer behind me. We came up to a red light, I stopped at the red light, and the person who had been texting did not. Went straight through the red light, and then ended up broadsiding the person who was going through the intersection in the opposite direction." No one was injured, but Todd said it easily could have been a deadly crash. "My next thought was, thank goodness that I had the wherewithal to check my surroundings, and make sure that that was not the back end of my car." This time of year, authorities say it's more important than ever to put down your devices, and be a defensive driver.

5.30 The Department of Health is warning residents about a "bad batch" of illegal drugs that sent 14 people to the hospital this weekend. Alachua County Health officials say the drug is a synthetic marijuana, often called K2 or Spice on the street. They haven't seen this many overdose cases in one weekend in years. "The only thing I can compare this to is in May of 2014, where we had upwards of thirty cases in Alachua County," said Paul Myers, of the Alachua County Health Department. The Sheriff's Office says this drug specifically tries to target children. "They'll make it very colorful, they'll put things as you saw on one of the packages, the angry bird, a cartoon character," said Sgt. Chris Sims. "That's all marketing. That's their goal to get you as the young consumer to purchase it."

The Sheriff's Office says most people don't even know the chemicals within the drug before they take it. "It is man-made," said Sims. "It's a product that we have found usually comes from overseas locations. Usually created in some kind of underground laboratory." Extremely high blood pressure, heart attacks, and seizures are just a few symptoms users could face. The Department of Health says raising awareness of the drug and what it can do will help drop the number of overdoses.

ISSUE: EDUCATION

5.16 As the school year wraps up most students are signing yearbooks.

Peyton and Sadie are signing handwriting books. Their parents, Jared and Kasey Mincey, have chosen to homeschool their three children, a decision that's becoming more popular in Alachua County. Homeschool enrollment has increased nearly 30 percent in Alachua County since 2015. "We really wanted to introduce Jesus and have that in their curriculum, intertwined with everything they are learning from start of their life to further on," Jared Mincey said. "So we felt like if the kids were here then they would be getting our influence and have that control of what they were being exposed to." Kasey said she needed convincing at first.

"My husband was 100 percent behind it," she said. "It was me that had to come around to the idea." But now they're in their fourth year and are happy with their decision.

"The first two years seem to be really tough after the first kid," Jared said. "It's much easier for the second and third. They have a routine; they just follow suit." Kasey said they probably spend about an hour and a half a day on actual school work but the lessons continue throughout the day. "When your kids are with you, you don't realize it but they're kind of learning all the time," she said. "Because you're just answering question after question. It may not be subject specific, but they're learning all day long."

Jejetta Lee, homeschool coordinator for Alachua County Schools, said it has its advantages.

"With homeschool, standardized testing is not required," Lee said. "Some families like that aspect. I think kids learn differently and families are realizing that different curriculums fit best for different kids, learning styles are different. And some people are wanting to find a curriculum that fits their child or the learning and they have the flexibility to do that."

Kasey said all families need to find their way and figure out what's best for them. Kasey said it can be tough having the kids home all day but, "I wouldn't change it."

5.17 The Alachua County School Board has picked Deputy Superintendent Karen Clarke to be the next superintendent. Clarke, who has been with the district for 25 years, will negotiate a contract with the school board, which will likely be voted on next month, according to a district statement. Clarke is a graduate of Alachua County schools and the University of Florida. She started with the district in 1992 as a dropout prevention teacher. Over the last 25 years she served in many roles, including teacher and principal at Oak View Middle School. She was the named the district's director of secondary curriculum and school improvement in 2010. Three years later she became assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction and student

services. In that time the district saw increases in its graduation rates, including among minority and disadvantaged students, the statement said. She became deputy superintendent in 2016. The district says Clarke is overseeing a number of district initiatives, including helping low-performing students reach their target goals. She's also overseeing the Office of Education Equity and Outreach to develop an equity plan to address disparities and racial inequity. "These are among those most critical issues facing schools and districts today," Clarke said in a statement. "We must focus our efforts on closing the achievement gap while also increasing the academic achievement of all of our students."

5.30 Boys 2 Men is a mentoring program created to influence leadership, good citizenship and an overall better future for young men. The program wrapped up the school year with their end of the year event Tuesday. The program mentors nearly a hundred kids each year, the program sent their first group of members off to college last year. "Some of those kids basically said they thought they would never graduate from high school, Organizer Mike Powell said, because nobody else in their family had." Powell says with the recent shooting and violence in the community, now is the perfect time for a positive outlet. "You know kids need something they can fall back on and feel comfortable about, Powell said. Knowing that someone has my back - I don't have to pick up a gun, I don't have to be in this situation I don't have to run with this crew." Some of the 8th graders in the program said they have gained more than a brotherhood; learning responsibility, how to keep up their grades, be a leader, and eventually give back to their community like their mentors do.

ISSUE: CONSUMER INFORMATION

6.21 Gainesville has seen more rain than shine lately but the temperatures in Florida are still higher than most states. And with the first of day of summer just hours away, the temperature is only expected to rise. The first thing to consider outside of a full bottle of water is to make sure when you're going indoors to escape the heat you're cooled by a 'running' air conditioning unit.

Specialists say one of the top things on home owner's to-do list should be to get your units serviced and to clean air filters because it affects the efficiency, the way it operates and it could save a lot of money in the long run. And if there is an issue with your AC unit "don't try to lower the thermostat down to make it colder," said Lee Eckert with Gator Air & Energy, "The best thing you can do is to turn it off and call a license contractor to come out and have it serviced, because you'll be doing more damage and it will be a bigger expense for the owner to repair." Richard Schollenberger, owner of Gator Air and Energy says to weigh your options when searching for a contractor. "I'd get three prices and as an owner that's tough to say, but I would get three prices their hourly rate for their technician to come out." While a unit can last a little over 10 years specialist says it is good to consider a new one after so long. "It's like a car the more miles you put on it the more problems," Eckert said. "It's a good investment. For a decent

unit that's 50% of your electric bill you can save a lot more money on an efficient unit today." It's best to get your unit checked twice a year, once in the fall for winter and in the spring for summertime.

6.23 What was once illegal, in any form, is now legal. Cannabis, is now sold for medical use only right off one of Gainesville's busiest streets. But it's not shocking everyone. Knox medical is one of seven medical marijuana dispensaries in Florida. It's the first to be approved in Gainesville. It opened its doors off Archer road last week, but many never thought the law would welcome marijuana, "or cannabis" dispensaries. Though growers are making it clear why they're here. COO and Co-Founder Bruce Knox says their goal is to alter the perception of patients taking marijuana. Still city leaders plan to limit where the dispensaries can go. Gainesville is currently under 'zoning in progress'. "The city commission is in the process of reviewing changes to the land development code, regarding medical marijuana dispensaries, their definitions and where they can be permitted in the city," Dean Mimms of Gainesville's department of doing. The city is is not accepting any new permit requests from dispensaries until they establish those restrictions. "Such as place of religious assembly, another dispensary or a school or residential district," Mimms said. Gainesville won't find a new shop too soon. The city doesn't plan to vote on the ordinance until July – at the earliest. City Commissioner Helen Warren says their main concern is to assure all dispensaries are placed in the best location, "...to make sure we had a place for them to come in that was going to be respectful to other spaces and activities that go on in the community and to make sure it was a gold rush stampede trying to set up. The city is not accepting any new permit requests from dispensaries until they establish those restrictions. "Such as place of religious assembly, another dispensary or a school or residential district," Mimms said. Gainesville won't find a new shop too soon. The city doesn't plan to vote on the ordinance until July – at the earliest. City Commissioner Helen Warren says their main concern is to assure all dispensaries are placed in the best location, "...to make sure we had a place for them to come in that was going to be respectful to other spaces and activities that go on in the community and to make sure it was a gold rush stampede trying to set up businesses." While community leaders are working on the perfect regulations commissioner Warren say most leader stand by growers in changing the view of medical marijuana. "The idea is that somebody is going to come get their medicine and go home and use it. We didn't want someone saying now you're going to have a smoking joint going on. The negative connotation that goes along with cannabis; we really wanted to focus on it being recognized as having some positive attributes to help the quality of life for many individuals," Warren said.

ISSUE: CRIME

4.26 Alachua County Deputies are still searching for a suspect in the Hawthorne homicide from April 21. Christen Cassels, 24, was murdered in her home late Friday. Hawthorne is a small town of about 1,500 people and many locals say they don't remember the last time such a brutal crime happened in their community. Long-time residents say crime has not really been an issue. Mrs. Dorothy Gillins says she has lived in Hawthorne her whole life and has watched the city evolve. "Just a small community like this (where) kids grew up together-- to hear and learn about something like that was a shock to me," she said. "Surprisingly, I never thought I would see some of the stuff that's happening now...things like this happen in communities, but a small community where you think everybody cares for everybody is sad." A neighbor, that chose to be anonymous, says she lived in Hawthorne for 10 years and has a different outlook on the area. "They always shooting out here. it could be a holiday or not they gonna be shooting. but by the time the police get here everything is done and over with." She says the police presence should increase-- "It needs to be stronger. Matter fact I've called and called, they'll show up for a while then after that you don't see them anymore." Alachua County Sheriff's Office has at least one deputy assigned to Hawthorne city limits at all times as apart of the municipal services taxing unit. While neighbors have different feelings on the area, all are still trying to wrap their mind around how anyone can do something so cruel. "That's a child and it hurts; it really hurts," Gillins said.

5.29 Alachua County Deputies are searching for potential suspects in a shooting that killed 24-year-old Derrick Devante Smith on Sunday evening. Around 7 o'clock deputies responded to multiple calls of the shooting that occurred in Holly Heights neighborhood on SW 67th Terrace right off Tower Road. When deputies arrived, they found the victim in the parking lot unconscious. They attempted CPR until medical assistance arrived. Unfortunately, Smith was transported to UF Health Shands and pronounced dead. ACSO Sgt. Chris Sims says the shooting is thought to be a result of a physical altercation that occurred earlier Sunday. Investigators and Detectives are collecting all evidence and are actively seeking suspect(s). Anyone with information is requested to call 352-955-1818, or please call Crime Stoppers anonymously.

6.15 A new report details how a Gainesville city employee making \$14 an hour was able to use city credit cards to spend nearly \$100,000 on hotel stays, gift cards and an \$8,500 Brazilian Butt Lift for more than a year before anyone noticed. Natwaina Clark, 33, was charged in March with felony grand theft after authorities say she used city credit cards 177 times to spend \$93,609.31 while working in the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department between Aug. 3, 2015 and March 22, 2017. The 21-page internal audit report dated Thursday outlines the rampant spending, the failure of some city officials to follow policies and how the city plans to implement controls to keep it from happening again. The report says Clark was hired in August, 2015 as an temporary staff specialist in the parks department despite a 2004 arrest for burglary, fraudulent use of personal identification and a scheme to defraud. The report says those charges were later dismissed based on jurisdictional and speedy trial issues, but says Human Resources chose not to follow

up with the Orlando Police Department on the case and didn't share the information with the hiring department. While no policy was violated, the report found the decision to be "insufficient and not a reasonable action."

A month after she was hired, the report says PRCA Director Steve Phillips authorized Clark to have access to a reporting system that enabled her to change the codes for items purchased. In November, Cultural Affairs Manager Russ Etling recommended Clark be given a Sam's Club credit card that she used to buy food items and two, 6-quart cookers for \$739.

The report says Etling, against city policy and Visa training, also gave Clark access to his Visa purchase card, or P-card. Clark's first unauthorized charge on the P-card came on Nov. 23, 2015 when she used it to purchase a two-night stay at a hotel in Stuart, Fla. It says she continued to use the card on hotel rooms, gift cards and other items until Feb. 19, 2017. The report says she used Etling's card 29 times and spent \$21,848.21 on unauthorized expenditures during that time. Clark wasn't done. The report says she was able to obtain cardholder information for a labor crew leader's card in November of 2015, and used it to five times, including on a Miami Beach hotel, for a total of \$872 from November until December. Clark was made a permanent employee in Jan. 2016. It was about that time that she obtained Parks Manager John Weber's card information and used it seven times between January 2016 and February 2017 for \$9,413.95 in fraudulent purchases, the report says. Also in January, Phillips, the PRCA director, requested that Clark be given her own City Visa P-card with a single-day purchase limit of \$2,000 and a 30-day limit of \$10,000. She received the card in March after she signed an agreement that said she could only use it for business purposes, the report says. Yet, in that same month, the report says she made her first purchase with the card to buy a \$126-tablet case protector that was later determined to be unauthorized. She used the card a total of 136 times over the next year for a total of \$61,475.03, the report says. A Gainesville Police investigation found Clark created a PayPal account that channeled \$41,089.73 to her personal bank account. The report says Clark used some of that money to pay for cosmetic surgery, including an \$8,500 Brazilian Butt Lift, that Clark took time off from work to get. If you have any information but wish to share it anonymously, you can contact crime stoppers or go online at Alachuasheriff.org

ISSUE: ENVIRONMENT

5.25 The Florida Forest Service has lifted burn bans in Levy and Gilchrist counties. Minutes later, Alachua County announced it has lifted its burn ban as well. The Alachua County Board of Commissioners formally terminated its ban thanks to the recent rain. The announcement came minutes after the Florida Forest Service announced it was lifting burn bans in Levy and Gilchrist counties. Marion and Putnam counties remain on the ban list, according to the Florida Forest Service. Officials say residents may see more smoke in the air as they have authorized some burning in the area of the center. Even if your county is off the burn ban, officials ask that you keep fires attended, keep water and rakes on hand to prevent it from spreading, and keep open flames away from structures. Anyone with questions is asked to call the Florida Forest Service at (352) 395-4951.

Public Service Announcement List Second Quarter 2017

Poison Control – Poison Helpline - PSA that encourages people to call the Poison Control helpline for any questions or issues with mixing medications, swallowing household cleaners, paint or mushrooms, or being bit by a bug, snake or spider. The helpline is there for any home, work or outdoor questions and is staffed by medical professionals.

Emergency Preparedness – Wireless Alerts - The Ready PSA campaign from FEMA is designed to prepare American families for an effective response to whatever natural or man-made disaster may come next. While the country has experienced recent devastating natural disasters, such as earthquakes, wildfires, tornados and hurricanes, only 20% of Americans say they feel very prepared for a disaster. This PSA focuses on receiving emergency notifications via your cell phone.

Homeland Security – Protect Your Everyday – This PSA shows Americans from every walk of life just doing what they do each and every day. It talks about how sometimes something might happen that does not seem quite right, that it is not paranoia, it is about standing up and protecting our community. All the details add up to make a bigger picture. It encourages viewers, if they see something, to say something.

National Parks Foundation – Parks – A visually exciting PSA showing how our National Parks are everything from natural wonders to historical wonders. Encourages viewers to, get out there, and find your park.

Financial Education – Smart About Money – Gives viewers information about a free, on-line resource called Smart About Money, where they can learn more about personal finances.

Texting and Driving Prevention – Todd – This PSA shows our main character Todd going through his day, doing all kinds of good for others around him, until he gets a text while driving. Todd picks up his phone to look at his text. The PSA says that is so unlike you Todd. The message ends with Stop the Texts, Stop the Wrecks.

Buzzed Driving Prevention- Life's Doors – Shows a young successful business man going through his day and having a drink after work and then getting in his car and being arrested for DUI. This PSA explains how a DUI Conviction will financially cost you. The PSA continues by showing a better outcome if this young executive would just call a taxi, instead of getting behind the wheel. Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving.

Buzzed Driving Prevention- Viral Consequences – Throughout this PSA there are a group of young ladies on their cell phones texting and getting pictures from a group of guys at a bar. They meet up for drinks and proceed to take a ride in one of the guy's car. They are pulled over by law enforcement and then gets' a DUI conviction. Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving and will cost you up to \$10,000.

Arbor Day Foundation- Replanting Trees- PSA designed to educate on the importance of continuing to plant trees. This is essential to the well- being of our planet.

Emergency Preparedness – Don't Wait – Urges viewers to not wait to make an emergency plan with their family.

Keep America Beautiful- Creative Galaxy and Annedroids- PSAs that focus on how we can re-use every day items in imaginative ways.

Foundation for Better Living – values.com – A series of kid friendly PSA's which encourage viewers to respect one another and the world around us.

-Open Door- Even the simple act of holding a door open can have impact. We can all do our part to make our world better.

-Let 'em In- A frustrating moment in traffic is usually short-lived but can put anyone into a bad mood. Likewise a kind gesture in those tense situations can have a positive affect on the person receiving our kindness and, of course, on us. "Let 'Em In" will be bring a smile when your viewers recall this happening to them. We think they will enjoy this simple reminder.

-Road Rage- PSA that shows a father getting angry at being cut off in traffic. His young daughter reminds him that "We don't say words like that". A reminder that we all need to be careful of our tempers and that our children need us to keep it under control.

-Guitar Hero- PSA that encourages young people to fulfill their passion, even if they aren't very good at it. With practice, it will get better.

-Imagine- Every good thing that has ever been achieved began with an idea—a dream that something better is actually possible. Skeptics likely doubted, friends wondered, and still the idea survived. Our society depends upon ordinary people to think the extraordinary—someone to simply ask, even in the face of criticism, why not? Could a cure for an incurable disease exist, how far is too far to travel, can children's hunger be alleviated, can everyone get a good education? John Lennon's "Imagine" provides a thoughtful and inspiring backdrop for you to Imagine... the Possibilities.

-Hall of Fame- Achievement comes in many forms. For some it's attaining a top grade in school, losing weight or excelling in a sport, for others it's overcoming an obstacle, attaining accolades at work or building a relationship. Whatever the goal, it takes much effort, skill and courage to achieve great things. Set to the uplifting song "Hall of Fame" this message inspires viewers to achieve their own goals

Arbor Day Foundation – It's Your Nature Explore! – A kid friendly PSA which encourages parents to allow their children to safely explore the wonders of nature through various activities such as gardening. Growing bodies and minds grow better when they connect with nature.

Southeastern Guide Dogs- Jackie and Gibson- PSA that introduces future guide dogs as puppies. Tells the viewer how these dogs help deliver freedom, confidence, and independence to those who need help.

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Child Passenger Safety- Know it All- The PSAs encourage parents and caregivers with children ages 0-12 to visit safercar.gov/therightseat. The website helps parents find the right car seat for their child's age and size and also features NHTSA's best practices.

Fatherhood Involvement- Major League Dad- The Ad Council's Fatherhood Involvement campaign will encourage men to "take time to be a dad today" by playing an active, responsible role in their children's lives. New PSAs will direct them to visit Fatherhood.gov or call 1-877-4DAD411 for parenting tips, fatherhood programs, and other resources.

Junk Food- Reducing Food Waste- The campaign's website SaveTheFood.com shows how making shopping lists, freezing food and using leftovers can significantly reduce the 20 pounds of food each person throws away in a single month.

Salute America's Heroes- Bet on a Vet- This PSA campaign urges employers everywhere to Bet on a Vet by hiring a veteran into their workplace. Campaign sponsored by The Coalition to Salute America's Heroes.

National Volunteer Fire Council- Make Me a Firefighter- With 87% of U.S. communities protected by volunteer firefighters, raising awareness of the need for volunteer fire service personnel is critical to ensuring public safety. The NVFC is asking for your support by airing these PSAs to help get the word out about this need. The PSAs end with a call-to-action to visit www.MakeMeAFirefighter.org, where viewers can learn more, find local volunteer opportunities, and connect directly with their respective local fire department.

World Wildlife Federation- Anything is Possible- There are environmental issues that impact our planet. The only way we can spark change is to work together and truly make a difference. This PSA shows a beautiful array of animals to help educate on conservation efforts.

Make the Connection- US Department of Veterans- Strength over Silence- PSA designed to educate Veterans to reach out for mental health support. Reaching out is a strength not a weakness. There is help for our Vets.

Partnership for Drug- Free Kids Campaign- A series of PSAs to help understand the signs of drug use/abuse and the help that is available for those who need it.

-Heroin- Parents realize that their daughter has gone much further with drug experimentation than they ever imagined.

-Mind Your Meds- Make sure that the meds prescribed to you are being safeguarded against abuse.

-Pain Killers- Shows the importance of understanding the meds that you are taking.

-Opiates- A very big problem is the abundance of Opiates and how readily available they are.

-Susan- A mother opens up about her child's drug problem.

Narcanon- Alcoholic Help- While many people are affected by alcohol abuse, most don't know where to turn for help. This PSA lets people know that there is help for those in our community who need it. Together, we can help individuals get their life back.

Seat Belt Safety- Long Haul- Kids can always find a reason not to wear seat belts, and as parents or caregivers we can sometimes give in to their persistent objections. But one fact overrides all their weeping and whining: from 2009 to 2013, 1,522 children ages 8-14 died as passengers in motor vehicles, and almost half were unrestrained at the time. It's mandatory for kids to always buckle up, even on a quick trip around the corner. A new PSA campaign in both English and Spanish sends a clear, emphatic message to parents and caregivers of kids in cars: no excuses, no exceptions—wearing a seat belt is simply non-negotiable.

Teacher Recruitment- I Dare You! There's tremendous opportunity on the horizon in America's classrooms, with half of our teachers ready to retire over the next decade. Filling their shoes will be challenging, since 9 of 10 top-tier students don't view teaching as a desirable profession. The potential shortfall could hinder our ability to lead the global economy. The human costs could also be enormous, since research shows that students with top teachers earn an average of \$50,000 more than their peers over the course of their lifetimes. America urgently needs a pipeline of engaged, energized students who want to teach, particularly African Americans and Hispanics who make up 40% of today's K-12 students. The teacher recruitment PSAs make a compelling case for teaching as an innovative, fulfilling career for those who want to make more of their lives.

America's Family Physicians- Health is Primary- Health is Primary is a campaign to demonstrate the benefits of primary care with the aim of improving America's health care system. We want to ensure that we have a health care system that invests in keeping people healthy, provides comprehensive, coordinated care when needed and puts patients at the center of their care. Ultimately, we believe that health care should be focused on improving the health of all Americans and we know that a system with strong primary care can do this.

Best Friend Animal Society- Save them All Anthem- Goofy grins and soothing purrs. Ridiculous ears and reassuring paws. They motivate us to get moving, and remind us when to slow down. They provide us with a much-needed laugh, companionship and unconditional love. They are our best friends. This PSA shares this special reminder of what's important in life and help Best Friends spread the word about adopting your next pet. Together, we can *Save Them All*®.

Pediatric ER- R Baby- PSA that reminds all parents the a Pediatric ER is very different from an adult ER and to remember to take your children to the experts that know children and can take care of their needs

Social Security Administration: Life's Journey- A PSA which reminds people that Social Security is there through all the phases of their life's journey. Securing today and tomorrow is the message.

Humane Society- Bentley- Each year, 6-8 million dogs and cats will enter shelters and rescue groups, yet only half will be adopted. This leaves millions of healthy and treatable dogs and cats who still need our help to find a home. Millions of Americans will look for a new cat or dog to bring home. This PSA encourages them to find their furry friends at shelters and rescue groups. While not every shelter cat or dog will be a social media star, they all will star as someone's new best friend. Air new PSAs to encourage your community to Start a Story. Adopt today.

US Food and Drug Administration- Safe Use of Acetaminophen- Acetaminophen is an active ingredient found in hundreds of over-the-counter (OTC) and prescription medicines that are used to relieve pain and fever. It is also combined with other active ingredients in medicines that treat allergy, cough, colds, flu, and sleeplessness. In prescription medicines, acetaminophen is found with other active ingredients to treat moderate to severe pain. Using two or more medicines that contain acetaminophen or using more acetaminophen than directed can cause serious liver damage. The FDA has taken action to improve consumer safety regarding the safe use of acetaminophen. To learn more visit www.fda.gov/otcpaininfo

Full Measure is a broadcast focusing on investigative, original and accountability reporting unique in today's media. The host is Sharyl Attkisson. The show format includes a major investigative piece each week on topics ranging from immigration issues at home and abroad, government waste, national security concerns and vulnerabilities, whistleblower reports on government abuse and misdeeds. Full Measure is produced by and airs nationally on stations of the Sinclair Broadcast Group. The program also streams live on all Sinclair websites on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. ET.

April 3

Tunnel Vision
Tracking Terror
Syrian Refugees
Bracket Competition

April 10

NATO in Estonia
Trump Interview
Panama Papers
Border Control

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Dark Side of Wikipedia
Tax Talk
Reforming FOIA
Citizens Against Government Waste

April 24

Saudi Strain
Mideast Marshall Plan
Youth Vote
Gaining Access

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Bitter Pills
Two Trumps
Pub Politics

May 8

Broken Dreams
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Iwo Jima
Obamacare

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MTP EXCLUSIVE: SENATE LEADERS DISAGREE ON SCOTUS NOMINEE - MCCONNELL: 'GORSUCH WILL BE CONFIRMED THIS WEEK,' SCHUMER: 'HIGHLY, HIGHLY UNLIKELY'

McConnell on knowing anything about Trump's surveillance claim: "The answer is no"
EXCLUSIVE: Schumer calls on Trump and Senate to "come up with a mainstream nominee"
EXCLUSIVE: Former FBI agent Clint Watts: "How many times the [Trump] campaign picked up on lines that were promoted by the Kremlin, or vice versa, ... was ironic"

APRIL 2, 2017 -- **Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.)** told "Meet the Press" moderator Chuck Todd that "in the middle of all these other things that are swirling around, there are two things you can depend on: the Senate Intelligence Committee's bipartisan investigation, and of course, the FBI conducting a criminal investigation" -- notably not listing the House Intelligence Committee's investigation which is currently under scrutiny.

"You asked me if I knew anything about alleged wiretapping by the previous president. The answer is no," he added.

Ahead of this week's Senate confirmation of Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch, McConnell said that "Neil Gorsuch will be confirmed this week. How that happens really depends on our Democratic friends, how many of them are willing to oppose cloture on a partisan basis to kill a Supreme Court nominee, never happened before in history, the whole history of the country." [Watch the full interview.](#)

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) exclusively told Todd that "Gorsuch will not reach the 60-vote margin ... Instead of changing the rules, which is up to Mitch McConnell and the Republican majority, why doesn't President Trump, Democrats, and Republicans in the Senate, sit down, and try to come up with a mainstream nominee?" [Watch the full interview.](#)

Former FBI agent Clint Watts, now a Robert A. Fox Fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute, also joined the show after testifying on Capitol Hill earlier this week about Russian information operations. Watts expanded on the use of Russian propaganda by the Trump

campaign: “The synchronization at times, how many times the campaign picked up on lines that were promoted by the Kremlin, or vice versa, created lines that were then the Kremlin promoted back into the U.S. base, was ironic. It was hard to see that with any other campaign.”

On if Trump was targeted by the Russians to help spread fake news, Watts said: “They just knew that he was opportunistic during his campaign. So if you put stuff that helps his campaign, he will likely use it ... But they also pushed for Bernie Sanders at times too. They would go on the left and the right. It's bipartisan.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

This morning’s roundtable was comprised of **Robert Draper** of GQ and The New York Times, **Eugene Robinson** of The Washington Post, MSNBC’s **Greta Van Susteren** and **Amy Walter** of The Cook Political Report.

[Read the full transcript of this morning’s “Meet the Press.”](#)

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MTP EXCLUSIVES: GRAHAM CALLS ON TRUMP TO PUNISH RUSSIA FOR SUPPORTING ASSAD, KAINE SAYS WHITE HOUSE DIDN’T OFFER PLAN ON SYRIA IN SENATE BRIEFING

U.N. Amb. Nikki Haley on Assad as head of Syrian government: “In no way do we look at peace happening in that area with Iranian influence” EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.): “Here’s what I think Assad’s telling Trump by flying from this base: “F you”” EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.) on Friday’s Senate briefing: “When we asked about the legal authorization, they [the administration] said they weren’t prepared to discuss that” EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) on working with Russia: “Make them an offer they can’t refuse”

APRIL 9, 2017 -- In an exclusive “Meet the Press” interview this morning, **Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.)** called on President Trump for action: “Go after Russia through sanctions not only for interfering in our elections, but aiding and abetting the use of chemical weapons by a war criminal, Assad.”

[“Here’s what I think Assad’s telling Trump by flying from this base: ‘F you,’”](#) said Graham in reference to Syria jets taking off from the base hit by the U.S. airstrike.

The senator also responded to moderator Chuck Todd’s interview with **Nikki Haley, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations**, noting that “regime change is now the policy of the Trump administration.” Haley had addressed the administration’s “multiple priorities” in Syria: “It’s to defeat ISIS. I mean, we’ve got to do that for peace and stability in the area. It’s also to get out the Iranian influence.” [Watch Graham’s full interview.](#)

“You are going to see is pressure on the political solution. That’s really what’s going to happen,” the ambassador said. [Watch Haley’s full interview.](#)

"I agree with Ambassador Haley that I don't think there's any political solution to the civil war in Syria that doesn't mean that Assad moves aside because he's tearing up the country. But instead of regime change, what we should focus on is humanitarian relief," responded **Senator Tim Kaine (D-Va.)**, who exclusively joined the program.

Kaine told Todd that, in the Senate briefing on Friday, the White House "still presented us with no plan. We don't know if it's limited or whether there's more. And when we asked about the legal authorization, they said they weren't prepared to discuss that." [Watch Kaine's full interview.](#)

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) suggested that you encourage Russia to work together by [making "them an offer they can't refuse.](#) And that means tightening the screws on them, dealing with sanctions, telling them that we need their help, they have got to come to the table and not maintain this horrific dictator." [Watch Sanders' full interview.](#)

This morning's roundtable was comprised of **David Brooks** and **Helene Cooper** of The New York Times, **Rich Lowry** of National Review and **Danielle Pletka** of AEI.

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MTP EXCLUSIVE: MCCAIN SAYS 'CHINA IS KEY' TO NORTH KOREA, 'WE SHOULD EXPECT THEM TO PREVENT WHAT COULD BE A CATAclysmic EVENT'

EXCLUSIVE: Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) on North Korea: "This may be the first test of this presidency" EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Jack Reed (D-R.I.) says Trump "needs a much stronger State Department" EXCLUSIVE: DHS Sec. John Kelly calls on Congress to fix U.S. immigration laws: "I would hope that the Congress fixes a lot of these problems" PLUS: Kelly on drug trafficking into the U.S.: "Marijuana is not a factor in the drug war"

APRIL 16, 2017 -- In an exclusive live interview this morning, **Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.)**, **chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee**, told "Meet the Press" moderator Chuck Todd that "China is the key" to working with us on North Korea: "They can stop this if they want to because of their control over the North Korean economy ... Whether they're currency manipulators or not, we should expect them to act to prevent what could be a cataclysmic event."

"This may be the first test of this presidency," the senator added. [Watch the full exclusive interview with the Arizona senator.](#)

"As Senator McCain indicated, China is key to that strategy," echoed **Sen. Jack Reed (D-R.I.)**, **ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.** President Trump is "getting good military advice from General Mattis and General McMaster, but he needs a much stronger State Department." [Watch the full exclusive interview with the Rhode Island senator.](#)

Also joining the broadcast exclusively was **Gen. John Kelly (Ret.), U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security**, who told Todd that, in response to a threat from North Korea, “We would raise various threat levels in the event that something happened, and we felt as though that there was a possible threat. You always want to come down on the side of caution.”

Kelly offered an example of someone who wasn’t deported in previous administrations that is being deported now: “Someone, as an example, with multiple DUIs. Even a single DUI, depending on other aspects, would get you into the system.” He also called on Congress to fix the country’s immigration laws: “We have to straighten this out, and I place that squarely on the United States Congress.” [Watch the full exclusive interview with Kelly, his first Sunday show interview.](#)

And on this Easter Sunday, **Pastor JoAnn Hummel** of Bent Tree Bible Fellowship, **Bishop T.D. Jakes** of The Potter’s House of Dallas and **Rabbi David Saperstein** of the Union for Reform Judaism joined Todd [to discuss the role of religion in a time of heightened political rhetoric.](#)

This morning’s roundtable was comprised of The New York Times Magazine’s **Mark Leibovich**, Demos’ **Heather McGhee**, NBC News’ **Andrea Mitchell** and former **Sen. John E. Sununu (R-N.H.)** of The Boston Globe. Their conversations included [addressing the president’s tweet this morning on his tax returns.](#)

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MTP EXCLUSIVE: TRUMP CHIEF OF STAFF BELIEVES GOVERNMENT WILL STAY OPEN, 'WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A VOTE THIS WEEK' ON HEALTHCARE

PLUS: Priebus says government funding bill will be enough “to move forward with either the construction or the planning” of the proposed border wall EXCLUSIVE: House Minority Leader Pelosi on the potential government shutdown: “The burden to keep it open is on the Republicans” ALSO: Sen. Rubio (R-Fla.) denies Miami Herald report of involvement in meeting between President Trump and Colombian presidents NEW: NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll numbers reveal nearly two-thirds of Americans give Trump low marks for first 100 days in office

APRIL 23, 2017 – In the face of a potential government shutdown this week, **Reince Priebus, chief of staff to President Trump**, exclusively told “Meet the Press” moderator Chuck Todd: “I believe it will” stay open.

On the continuing resolution for government funding, Priebus said that the money for border security will be enough “to move forward with either the construction or the planning, or enough for us to move forward through the end of September, to get going on the border wall and border security in regard to border patrol.”

“We expect money for border security in this bill. And it ought to be,” he added.

Priebus said he “would like to have a vote this week” on healthcare, “ but again, it's not something that has to happen in order to define our success.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) also exclusively joined the network’s broadcast, telling Todd that, when it comes to the potential government shutdown, “the burden to keep it open is on the Republicans.”

On the proposed border wall, Pelosi asserted that it is “expressing a sign of weakness” for the president; she also said that “of course” you can be a Democrat if you’re pro-life. [Watch the full interview.](#)

Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) addressed recent reporting that he had been involved in arranging a visit between Trump and two former Colombian presidents at Mar-a-Lago, denying any role whatsoever and telling Todd: “I didn’t even know they were in Florida.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

The show debuted [new NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll numbers](#), revealing that nearly two-thirds of Americans give the president poor of middling marks for his first 100 days in office.

Democratic pollster **Cornell Belcher**, The Washington Post’s **Robert Costa**, ‘TODAY’ co-anchor **Savannah Guthrie** and The Wall Street Journal’s **Peggy Noonan** joined the program’s roundtable for insight and analysis on the latest news, [including the exit this week of Fox News’ Bill O’Reilly](#), which Noonan noted as a “serious setback for sexual harassment in the workplace.”

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MEET THE PRESS EXCLUSIVE: VP PENCE SAYS ‘MAYBE IN THE SHORT TERM’ TAX REFORM PLAN WILL INCREASE DEFICIT

EXCLUSIVE: Pence on GOP health care reform: “I hope before the end of the year” PLUS: Pence says repealing and replacing the ACA will be done via “executive action” and “further legislation” EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Angus King (I-Maine) on lack of bipartisanship in the Senate: “There’s not a culture of success”

APRIL 30, 2017 – **Vice President Mike Pence** exclusively told “Meet the Press” moderator Chuck Todd this morning that the administration’s tax reform proposal put forth this week will increase deficit [“maybe in the short term.”](#)

“The only way to meet obligations that we face in deficits today, or long term obligations in our entitlements, Chuck, is through growth,” he said. “If we don’t get this economy growing at three percent, or more as the President believes we can, we’re never gonna meet the obligations that we’ve made today.”

The vice president also addressed his party's promise to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, telling Todd it will be done "through a series of bills -- this first one that we're hopeful there'll be action in the House of Representatives soon -- and through executive action and through further legislation." The timeline? "I hope before the end of the year." [Watch the full interview.](#)

Maine Senators Susan Collins (R) and Angus King (I) – two senators from across the aisle -- exclusively joined the network broadcast this morning on set to discuss bipartisanship in Congress. Obstacles in finding common ground include "the rise of ideological-driven groups on both the left and the right," "the divisions in our country," and "the Senate schedule," said the senators. [Watch the full interview.](#)

The New York Times' **Helene Cooper**, MSNBC's **Chris Matthews**, AEI's **Danielle Pletka** and Republican strategist and NBC News political analyst **Nicolle Wallace** discussed the latest in political news on this morning's roundtable, [including the future of the Democratic Party.](#)

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MTP: HHS SEC. PRICE: GOP HEALTH CARE BILL IS 'A BETTER WAY TO COVER' PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS, ADDRESSES LACK OF DIVERSITY IN ROSE GARDEN CELEBRATION

PLUS: Price on removal of W.H. Office of Drug Control: "I don't think the American people care," "What they care about is that we are absolutely addressing this opioid crisis" EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Blunt: House health care bill is "not dead on arrival" EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Feinstein on Yates' testimony tomorrow: She "apparently has some information as to who knew what when that"

MAY 7, 2017 -- In an interview on this morning's "Meet the Press," **Health and Human Services Sec. Tom Price** defended criticism that the health care bill passed by the House this week does not cover Americans with pre-existing conditions, telling **NBC News' Andrea Mitchell** that the 22 organizations disputing this are "not recognizing is that this is a different, and we believe, a better way to cover an individual with pre-existing illnesses and injuries because it allows for every single person to get the access to the kind of coverage that they want."

[Price also addressed](#) the lack of diversity and women in Thursday's Rose Garden celebration, telling Mitchell that those present were "prominent individuals who are leading in this area of health care."

When asked about the elimination of the White House Office of Drug Control in a time of an opioid epidemic, [Price responded:](#) "Now whether it's through an office within the White House or whether it's through a department, an agency of government, I don't think the American people care. What they care about is that we are absolutely addressing this opioid crisis in the most aggressive and effective manner possible." [Watch the full interview.](#)

Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) exclusively joined the network broadcast, telling Mitchell that the House health care bill is “not dead on arrival,” but that the Senate will be “taking what the House was able to do, looking at that carefully and come up with what the Senate thinks the Senate can do.”

[Blunt also addressed Russian interference in the election](#) ahead of former top Justice official Sally Yates’ testimony tomorrow: “What was particularly wrong was General Flynn not being truthful about the substance of what he said and the campaign was apparently, or the transition rather, was apparently concerned about that early on, and it appears they should have been.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) exclusively reacted to the House bill coming to the Senate: “I don’t know what the leader, McConnell, has in mind. I don’t know that the thirteen white men, when you have five Republican women who are excluded from that, that these thirteen men are supposed to sit down and put something together.”

[Feinstein told Mitchell that Yates](#) “apparently has some information as to who knew what when that she is willing to share. And that would be what she knew about Michael Flynn’s connections to Russia and exactly what she knew they were.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

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‘MEET THE PRESS’ EXCLUSIVE: SEN. GRAHAM SAYS NEW FBI DIRECTOR SHOULD BE ‘OUTSIDE THE POLITICAL LANE,’ CALLS ON TRUMP TO ‘BACK OFF’ RUSSIA PROBE

PLUS: Sen. Schumer: Support for new FBI director is ‘very much related’ to a special prosecutor on Russia EXCLUSIVE: State Sec. Tillerson: ‘Don’t think there’s any question that the Russians were playing around’ in U.S. election New NBC News/WSJ Poll: Just 29 percent of Americans approve of Trump’s firing of FBI Director Comey

MAY 14, 2017 – **Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.)** exclusively told “Meet the Press” moderator Chuck Todd this morning that the president’s choice for the next F.B.I. director should not be an elected official: “He has a duty and obligation to pick somebody beyond reproach outside the political lane.”

“It’s now time to pick someone who comes from within the ranks or has such a reputation that has no political background at all that can go into the job on day one,” said Graham when asked about his colleague Sen. John Cornyn’s interview yesterday for the role.

Sen. Graham also said “the president needs to back off here and let the investigation go forward” when it comes to looking into Russia’s interference in the U.S. election. [Watch the full interview.](#)

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) told Todd the support for a new F.B.I. director is “very much related” to a special prosecutor for the Russia probe: “If you have an independent special prosecutor, then you really have the ability to get to the bottom of this, so it matters in terms of who the F.B.I. director is.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

“I don't think there's any question that the Russians were playing around in our electoral processes,” **Secretary of State Rex Tillerson** exclusively confirmed to Todd. When asked about this in terms of our relationship with Russia, Tillerson said: “We're not trying to start with a clean slate. I think terms like having a reset are overused. You cannot reset. You cannot erase the past.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

[New NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll numbers](#) debuted on this morning’s broadcast, revealing that just 29 percent of Americans approve of the president’s firing of F.B.I. Director James Comey.

Joining this morning’s roundtable for insight and analysis were **Matthew Continetti** of the Washington Free Beacon, **Hallie Jackson** of NBC News, **Katty Kay** of BBC News and **Eugene Robinson** of the Washington Post. Axios’ **Jim VandeHei** also joined the panel for [a discussion on a possible staff shake-up within the White House.](#)

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May 21 – Preempted due to Premier League Championship

MEET THE PRESS: DHS SEC. KELLY: LEAKING CLASSIFIED INTEL IS ‘DARN CLOSE TO TREASON, ‘DON’T SEE ANY BIG ISSUE HERE’ WITH KUSHNER/RUSSIA COMMUNICATIONS

EXCLUSIVE: Former DNI Clapper when asked about communications between Kushner and Russians: “My dashboard warning light was clearly on” PLUS: Sen. Corker on Kushner: “He’s more than glad to talk”

MAY 28, 2016 -- **Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly** told “Meet the Press” moderator Chuck Todd this morning that leaking classified intelligence is “borderline, if not over the line of treason.”

[“It’s darn close to treason,” he added.](#) The secretary also addressed recent reporting that President Trump’s son-in-law, White House Senior Adviser Jared Kushner, proposed a secret communication channel with the Kremlin so that discussions before the inauguration could not be detected: “His number one interest, really, is the nation, so you know there’s a lot of

different ways to communicate, backchannel, publicly with other countries. [I don't see any big issue here relative to Jared.](#) [Watch the full interview.](#)

James Clapper, former director of national intelligence, exclusively told Todd, that as director, when it came to Trump ties with Russia, his [“dashboard warning light was clearly on.”](#) “I think that was the case with all of us in the intelligence community, very concerned about the nature of these approaches to the Russians,” he said.

Clapper reacted to Kelly characterizing the leaking of information as “borderline treason”: “I know Secretary Kelly takes this quite seriously and he should. Legal definition of what’s treason? I’ll leave that to the lawyers. But just from a practitioner’s standpoint in the intelligence business, leaks are bad.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.), chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, also responded to recent reporting of Kushner, who is under scrutiny related to the Russia investigations, though not a subject of the investigations: “Jared has said that he’s more than willing to answer any and all questions. They reached out to us yesterday to make sure that we knew that was the case and I’m sure he’s willing to do so.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

Charlie Sykes, MSNBC political analyst and former radio talk show host, made his “Meet the Press” debut appearance, joining MSNBC’s **Joy-Ann Reid**, The Wall Street Journal’s **Kimberley Strassel** and The Cook Political Report’s **Amy Walter** to discuss the week in politics, including [this week’s special election in Montana.](#)

See below for a full transcript of this morning’s “Meet the Press.”

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MEET THE PRESS EXCLUSIVE: FMR. STATE SEC. KERRY: TRUMP FINDING A BETTER CLIMATE DEAL IS ‘LIKE OJ SIMPSON SAYING HE’S GOING TO FIND THE REAL KILLER’

EXCLUSIVE: John Kerry on London terror attacks: “Travel ban will be cannon fodder to the recruiters” ALSO: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt: Withdrawing from Paris climate agreement “was not a political decision” PLUS: Preview from NBC News anchor Megyn Kelly of her exclusive, one-on-one interview with Russian President Vladimir Putin, airing tonight on NBC at 7p/6c

JUNE 4, 2017 -- **Former Secretary of State John Kerry** exclusively told “Meet the Press” moderator Chuck Todd that President Trump finding a better deal than the Paris climate accord is “like O.J. Simpson saying he’s going to go out and find the real killer.”

On the London terror attacks, Kerry said that Britain has “had a longstanding problem with respect to greater levels of alienation, a harder time assimilating into the broader British society, a lack of similar opportunity ... I’m going to leave it to her [Prime Minister Theresa May] and to them to sort that out, particularly five days before an election. “

He added: The “travel ban will be cannon fodder to the recruiters. It's the worst thing we could do. But we do need to do and we do extraordinary screening.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

E.P.A. Administrator Scott Pruitt also joined this morning’s broadcast, telling Todd that “the rest of the world applauded” the Paris climate accord “because it put us at an economic disadvantage.” The decision of the United States to withdraw from the agreement “was not a political decision,” he added. [Watch the full interview.](#)

Former Vice President Al Gore addressed the White House’s economic defense for withdrawing from the climate deal : “The loss of jobs in the coal industry started with the mechanization of the coal industry. Natural gas started displacing coal and the fossil fuel sector, and promising to re-create the 19th century is not a visionary strategy for a successful 21st century.” [Watch this exchange.](#) and tune in tomorrow to MSNBC’s “MTP Daily” at 5 p.m. ET for the full interview.

NBC News chief foreign correspondent **Richard Engel** and NBC News national security analyst **Michael Leiter** shared the latest developments on the London terror attacks in the beginning of this morning’s program. Engel reported live from London: “There is a concern that we might not be at the end of this. This is the holy month of Ramadan. ISIS has called for its supporters to carry out attacks during Ramadan.” [Watch the segment.](#)

NBC News anchor **Megyn Kelly** shared [a preview of her exclusive, one-on-one interview with Russian President Vladimir Putin](#), who said that he “didn’t even really talk” to former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn at a dinner both attended in December 2015. **Tune in to the debut of “Sunday Night with Megyn Kelly” this evening at 7 p.m. ET / 6 p.m. CT for more from her interview with Putin.**

Democratic strategist **Stephanie Cutter**, The Washington Post’s **Michael Gerson**, radio talk show host **Hugh Hewitt** and Demos President **Heather McGhee** addressed the week in news, [including the upcoming hearing of former F.B.I. Director James Comey.](#)

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June 11 – Preempted – due to French Open

‘THE PRESIDENT IS NOT UNDER INVESTIGATION FROM THE SPECIAL COUNSEL,’ TRUMP LAWYER TELLS ‘MEET THE PRESS’ MODERATOR CHUCK TODD

PLUS: Trump Lawyer Sekulow: “He’s not afraid of the investigation. There is no investigation”
ALSO: Sen. Rubio on the Russia probe: “The president’s pretty fired up about this” EXCLUSIVE:
Sen. King says “the collusion, the cooperation aspect of this investigation is not over ... We’re 20 percent into it”

JUNE 18, 2017 -- “The president is not under investigation from the special counsel,” **Jay Sekulow, a member of President Trump’s legal team,** told “Meet the Press” moderator Chuck Todd this morning.

“He’s not afraid of the investigation. There is no investigation,” he added. [Watch the full interview.](#)

Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, noted “one thing we’ve learned, I think, from the testimony of multiple people now is the president’s pretty fired up about this,” referring to the Russia probe.

He also addressed legislation passed earlier this week by the Senate that would impose additional sanctions against Russia and limit the president’s power to lift them in the future: “I personally believe that at the core of the resistance is not the president, and I don’t think the president himself has a problem with additional sanctions on Russia.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

“I can say categorically that the collusion, the cooperation aspect of the investigation is not over. And as far as that goes, I’d say we’re 20 percent into it,” **Sen. Angus King (I-Maine),** who also serves on the Senate Intelligence Committee, exclusively shared on this morning’s broadcast. [Watch the full interview.](#)

The program’s roundtable this morning was comprised of **David Brooks** from The New York Times, **Danielle Pletka** of the American Enterprise Institute, **Eugene Robinson** of The Washington Post and **Amy Walter** of The Cook Political Report; their discussions included the president’s tweets and [this week’s congressional baseball shooting.](#)

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“MEET THE PRESS” EXCLUSIVE: JOHNSON ON HEALTHCARE VOTE: ‘DELAY THE THING,’ SANDERS: ‘NO WAY ON GOD’S EARTH THAT THIS BILL SHOULD BE PASSED THIS WEEK’

Wis. Sen. Ron Johnson (R): “These bills aren’t going to fix the problem” Vt. Sen. Bernie Sanders (I): “There has not been one public hearing” on healthcare bill Ohio Rep. Tim Ryan (D) on party’s Pelosi criticism: “This is not about us having a family fight publicly”

JUNE 25, 2017 – In an exclusive interview this morning, **Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.)** told “Meet the Press” moderator Chuck Todd that, when it comes to the Senate healthcare bill vote slated for this Thursday, he “would like to delay the thing.” “There’s no way we should be voting on this next week. No way,” he said.

“What I find so disappointing is these bills aren't going to fix the problem. They're not addressing the root cause. They're doing the same old Washington thing, throwing more money at the problem,” the senator added. [Watch the full interview.](#)

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) exclusively agreed with Johnson on this morning's broadcast to delay the Senate healthcare vote: “Sen. Johnson is right. There is no way on God's earth that this bill should be passed this week.”

Sanders, who argued that “we need a serious discussion” and that “there has not been one public hearing” on health care, also addressed the week's special GA-06 election: “There is a massive amount of demoralization on the part of the American people with the Democratic Party, with the Republican Party.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

Reps. Tim Ryan (D-Ohio) and Debbie Dingell (D-Mich.) exclusively joined “Meet the Press” to discuss the future of the Democratic Party and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi's leadership. “This is not about us having a family fight publicly,” said Ryan. In reference to this week's special GA-06 election: “It would be hard for us to say that after five million being spent tying that candidate to her [Pelosi], that it didn't have some effect. The Republicans wouldn't still be using this if it didn't have some effect. And so it's still being used for a reason.” Dingell noted: “If you'd get pragmatic, we always attack the leader. I don't care who it is.” [Watch the discussion.](#)

This morning's roundtable, which discussed the week in politics, including the Better Care Reconciliation Act and Rep. Pelosi's leadership, was comprised of The New York Times' **Helene Cooper**, NBC News' **Hallie Jackson**, The New York Times Magazine's **Mark Leibovich** and syndicated columnist **George F. Will**.

Read the full transcript of this morning's “Meet the Press” on [MeetThePress.com](#).

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